



WINNING FORM... North high jumper John Smith clears bar at 5-8 against Leuzinger on Friday. Smith came away with a tie for first place, one of two victories won by the

Saxons, as the Olympians carted off an easy victory. Although he could make only 5-8, Smith has jumped 6-2 this year. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Torrance Spikers Crush El Segundo

Depending on the performances of the Ascolesi twins, Torrance High swept past El Segundo, 62 to 42 in a Pioneer League spike fest Friday, despite the absence of two big stars.

With Tony Bareford and George Ojard sick with the measles, it was up to the Ascolesi brothers — and they pulled the Tartars through.

North Falls To Olympos, Vikes Next

Unable to keep pace with the fabulous first place wealth of Leuzinger, North High went soaring rapidly down to a 76½-27½ Bay League track defeat Friday at the Olympian oval.

Leuzinger took all but two places with sprint king Bob Archibald pulling in a pair of victories to pace the way. Archibald, after the century had been delayed by a trio of false starts, blazed the distance in 9.9 and came back to win the 440 in 52.2. The Olymp ace also anchored the 880 relay team to victory in 1:32.7.

Only John Smith and Gary Parks were able to pull in wins for the Saxons. Smith tied for first place in the high jump, going over at 5-8 and Parks took top honors in the shot put, heaving the iron pellet 51-1.

PETE MOLINA earned a second and a third for North, finishing behind Archibald in the 100 and taking the top slot in the furlong.

Wes Rizer, taking a break from his usual mile effort, stepped the 880 in a fancy 1:59.9 to finish five yards ahead of Saxon half-miler Kurt Klein.

THE NORTH BEE team took a 69-25 win and the Saxon Cees also came out on top, 46-39.

Jerry and Larry rolled up 24 points by placing in six events. Jerry was the high individual scorer as he registered 15 points by taking first place in the high hurdles (15.7), low hurdles (13.8), and high jump (6.1).

JERRY'S 6-1 leap moved him into the top five marks in the South Bay.

Larry copped the broad jump with a leap of 20-11 and took second in the century and third in the furlong.

Dennis Dyer came through with his finest performance of the year in the 880 for Torrance. Dyer blazed through the half in 1:59.3, the first time he has broken the two-minute barrier.

BAREFORD, one of the top 880 men in the state, was just recovering from a foot injury, and the attack of measles may be fatal to his hopes of a good showing in the CIF and state finals.

Ojard, current holder of the Tartar shot put standard, has been improving with every meet, and has boosted the school record to over 53 feet.

El Segundo's Pat Pagett climbed into the top mark category with a 12-6 leap in the pole vault.

IN THE 440, Steve Parker pulled down a second place for the Tartars, as did Tom Hatten in the high and low hurdles behind Jerry Ascolesi.

Cage star Lynn Archibald marked up extra points in the score book for Torrance, grabbing a second in the high jump.

THE TARTAR Bee team won, 75 to 25, but the Cees came out on the short end of a 58-37 count.

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RECORD BREAKER... George Ojard, Torrance shot putter, unleashes iron pellet in recent meet. Ojard broke the Tartar shot standard twice this year. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

The Fearless Spectator

By

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It is characteristic of the cool chic with which they do things in Southern California that the new Stadium Club of the Los Angeles Dodgers (where tipping above a service charge will be as socially unacceptable as incest) is to have a cocktail lounge named the Abner Doubleday Room.

Abner Doubleday? He was a Union general in the Civil War.

He certainly sighted the first gun fired at Ft. Sumter, and thus may be said to have started the Civil War for the North.

He almost certainly was the first person to suggest using cable cars in San Francisco, when he was stationed at the Presidio.

In addition to these distinctions, he is believed in some quarters to have invented baseball. He did not. If he did, he failed to mention it in two copious volumes of memoirs. Which would have made him the most modest major-general in our Nation's history.

But if Abner Doubleday had not invented baseball, baseball would have had to invent Abner Doubleday. Which it did.

He is supposed to have started the game in 1839. But hundreds of references have Americans playing it earlier. The elder Oliver Wendell Holmes, Harvard 1829, said he played a lot of baseball while an undergraduate at Cambridge.

Even the glorious Encyclopedia Britannica was sucked into accepting the view that Doubleday invented the game, until its present edition. This sternly states of the Doubleday thesis that "later research disproved it." The Columbia Encyclopedia calls Doubleday "the alleged originator of baseball" and lets it go at that.

The Doubleday legend was started after the general's death by Albert Goodwill Spalding, a Boston merchant who made baseball uniforms and bats and balls and figured maybe a founder who was a Civil War general might be good for biz.

But the legend didn't really get going until 1939, when baseball celebrated its "centennial" at Cooperstown, N.Y.

Abner really invented baseball in a suite of offices of a high-powered press agent on the 14th floor of 247 Park Ave., N.Y.C., in 1939. I know. I was one of the accoucheurs.

Baseball was in trouble in 1939, with falling attendance, the after-effects of the depression, etc. The club owners hired a minor genius named Steve Hannagan. Steve absorbed the Spalding myths into an ingratiating bit of malarkey, stating baseball was 100 years old that year, and that appropriate ceremonies should celebrate the event nationally and especially at Cooperstown where Abner supposedly cooked it all up.

I worked for Hannagan at the time as a cadet press agent, and was naturally privy to the nonsense which led to such sacred bits of baloney as the baseball museum and Hall of Fame. In Cooperstown, natch.

When the more devout members of his organization found material which impeached the Abner story, Steve would simply smile and reply, "SOME-BODY had to invent baseball. Why not Abner?"

So, I've really got to make it to the Abner Doubleday Room one of these days, and think fondly back on the late Steve, and marvel again at the way L. A. grabs anything, so long as it's genuine.

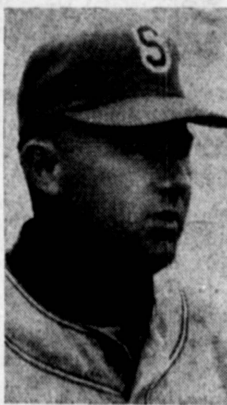
Given time, somebody might prove Abner inventor the cocktail lounge. And I might find myself abetting the noble cause. Ah!

Ken Turner's One Hitter Gives South Second Win

Finally getting the pitching they were supposed to have from the beginning of the season, South High horsehiders took a 4-1 Bay League decision from Leuzinger on Thursday.

Ken Turner hurled not-hit ball for six innings and finally ended up with a one-hitter as the Spartans earned their first victory in the last three contests.

It was the second time this season Turner has gone for more than six without giving up a hit. He blanked Santa Monica for six frames before yielding a bingle in South's only other loop win of the season.



JERRY McILVAINE
Spartan Boss

THE DETERMINED south-paw struck out 16 men, walked five as South atoned for the Olympian victory on Tuesday. Turner did not leave it all up to his teammates for the scoring. He belted the only home run of the contest for the Spartans.

WILDNESS COST losing pitcher Dave Warner dearly. South dropped its first four contests of the season before taking a win from Santa Monica. Since then, the Spartans dropped three more straight, but now seem to be back on the right track.

Lennox Comeback Ruins Tartar Baseball Hopes

Dealing Torrance High's Pioneer League baseball hopes a fatal blow, Lennox came back from a five run deficit to take a nine-inning 6-5 victory Thursday on the Lancer diamond.

Tumbling to a 2-3 mark, Culver City, leading the circuit with a 4-1 record.

The Lancers scored four times in the fifth frame and one, with two out in the seventh, to match the Tartars' five-run fourth inning.

TORRANCE RELIEFER Irv Palica gave up only one walk,



IRV PALICA
Tartar Chucker

but it cost him the game. Jim Perry earned a base on balls to open up the Lancers' half of the ninth. Duane Fenrite sent him to third with a single up the middle, and after a pop-up, Dave Herbert ended the game with a drive over leftfielder Jerry McLean's head.

Hard-luck chucker John Cambon came within one out of taking his first win at the year.

IT WAS Gene Hunter who deprived Cambon of the victory. Bouncing out of a year-long slump after a great season last term, Hunter poled a towering triple to left centerfield to drive in Herbert with the game-tying run after two outs were on the scorebook in the seventh.

Torrance assumed command in the big fourth inning. Singles by Larry Greason, Ernie Clayton, Palica, Bob Clark and Gary Hayworth produced the Tartars' five runs.

Combining three THS errors with three hits, Lennox picked up four runs in the fifth.

Lefty Ken Johnson hurled only the first three innings for the Lancers, but nevertheless, picked up the win.

AFTER A good beginning, Torrance has now fallen before Culver City and Lennox. The Tartars have beaten Aviation and El Segundo.

On Tuesday, Torrance finds itself going up against Palos Verdes at Torrance Park. The Sea Kings surprised Aviation in their last encounter, taking a 5-4 victory in a battle of power.



WALKING ON AIR... North pole vaulter Gary Baron appears to be walking on air as he descends after clearing bar against Leuzinger on Friday. The Olymps won every first place but two and earned an easy victory. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Snell, Beatty Clash In Coliseum Relays

With an 800-meter clash between world record holder Peter Snell of New Zealand and the U.S.'s Jim Beatty looming as a distinct possibility, the international flavored 22nd edition of the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays has become a "must" on the calendar of Southland sport fans.

The Coliseum Relays, always the top track and field spectacle in the United States each year, resumes on this Spring Friday evening after an absence of one year when the sponsoring Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games decided to cancel the event until the Dodgers found their new home.

During the baseball team's Coliseum sojourn running events were held on a grass track.

NOW THE Coliseum will have a new red brick-clay composition track which promises to be one of the fastest in the nation.

Snell recently set a world 800-meter record of 1:44.3. Jim Beatty, recognized as this country's top miler but also

one of the best half-milers running the distance today, has indicated he will run the 800-meter event only at the Coliseum Relays. Snell doesn't care one way or the other, so he may choose to meet Beatty in the shorter event.

THE RELAYS selection chairman Willis O. Hunter has announced also that Snell's fellow New Zealander, Barry Magee, will compete in the Coliseum Relay's special 5000 meter race.

Another import will be Italy's sprint king, Livio Berruti, winner of the 200-meter dash at the last Olympics. His foes will include Robert Hayes, Florida A & M, who recently tied the world record of 9.2 for the 100 yard dash and has a 20.1 220 clocking.

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